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SUBJECT: JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH DRV ON RECOGNITION

1. JAPANESE EMBOFF IMAGAWA GAVE EMBOFF BRIEF ACCOUNT OF FIRST SESSION OF GOJ/ DRV JULY 25 NEGOTIATIONS ON RECOGNITION. SINCE GOJ AGREED TO DRV CONDITION THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE KEPT COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL, IMAGAWA ASKED US TO CONSIDER EVEN FOLLOWING ACCOUNT AS VERY SENSITIVE. FIRST SESSION LASTED 48 MINUTES. JAPANESE SIDE WAS COMPOSED OF MINISTER TOKUHISA, SHIGERU; COUNSELOR KATO, YOSHIYA; SECOND SECRETARY IMAGAWA, YUKIO AND A JUNIOR OFFICIAL OF THE SEA SECTION OF THE GAIMUSHO NAMED SATO. THE DRV TEAM WAS NGUYEN TUAN LIEU, COUNSELOR AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, FIRST SECRETARY LE DINH NHAN AND FIRST SECRETARY NGUYEN DAN VE. THE EXCHANGE WAS BASICALLY DEVOTED TO MATTERS OF PROCEDURE, NOT SUBJSTANCE. GOJ PRESENTED ITS FUNDAMENTAL POSITION THAT RECOGNITION MUST BE WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONDITIONS, AND ALSO THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT AFFECT GOJ POLICY ON SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH WAS THAT THE GVN IS THE ONLY LEGAL GOVERNMENT THERE. TH DRV MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS STATEMENT. THE DRV SAID IT WISHED THE RECOGNITION TO BE ANNOUNCED IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. GOJ SAID THAT IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR JAPAN TO HAVE MERELY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. (IMAGAWA IMPLIED THAT GOJ INDICATED THAT
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JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED IT WERE

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SIMPLE AND LIMITED TO THE SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.) GOJ PROPOSED THAT NEXT MEETING TAKE PLACE MD-AUSUST. DRV NEGOTIATORS SAID THEY WOULD REPORT RESULTS OF FIRST MEETING TO HANOI AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH GOJ EMBASSY LATER TO ARRANGE NEXT SESSION.

2. IMAGAWA, HAD SUDDENLY BEEN SENT BACK FROM HOME LEAVE IN JAPAN WHERE HE HAD SPENT ABOUT TWO WEEKS CONSULTING WITH THE GAIMUSHO. HE COMMENTED THAT TOKYO WAS NOT VERY ANXIOUS TO MOVE TOO RAPIDLY WITH THE DRV AND HENCE HAD A VERY STIFF POSITION WHICH MIGHT NOT FACILITATE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DRV TEAM.
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